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Title : QUINOXALINE DERIVATIVES, ORGANIC SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
AND ELECTROLUMINESCENT DEVICE (AS AMENDED)

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REPLY TO ACTION OF MAY 15, 2007

In reply to the Final Office Action of May 15, 2007, applicant submits the following remarks.

Claims 15-27 and 29 are pending in this application with claims 15-19 being independent.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 16-19, 22-27 and 29, and the Examiner's indication that claim 20 is directed to allowable subject matter.

Claim 15 has been rejected as being anticipated by JP 2003-40873, and claim 21 has been rejected as being unpatentable over JP 2003-40873 in view of Li et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,723,445). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because JP 2003-40873, which was published on February 13, 2003, does not qualify as prior art with respect to this application, which was filed on November 13, 2003, and claims priority to an application filed in Japan on November 13, 2002. Applicant is preparing a certified translation of the Japanese priority application and, upon completion, will submit the certified translation in a supplemental reply along with an explanation as to why the subject matter of claims 15 and 21 finds support in the priority application.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.